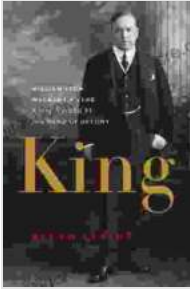


William Lyon Mackenzie King: A Detailed Biography of Canada's Longest-Serving Prime Minister



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Early Life and Education

William Lyon Mackenzie King was born on December 17, 1874, in Kitchener, Ontario. His father, John King, was a lawyer and politician who served as the first mayor of Berlin (now Kitchener). His mother, Isabel Mackenzie, was the daughter of William Lyon Mackenzie, a Scottish-born rebel and politician who led the Upper Canada Rebellion of 1837.

King attended the University of Toronto, where he studied political science and economics. He graduated with honors in 1895 and went on to study at Harvard University, where he earned a doctorate in economics in 1899.

Early Political Career

After returning to Canada, King worked as a journalist and lecturer. He entered politics in 1908, when he was elected to the House of Commons as a Liberal MP. In 1912, he became the Minister of Labour in the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

As Minister of Labour, King played a key role in the development of social welfare programs in Canada. He introduced the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, which established a process for resolving labour disputes

peacefully. He also oversaw the establishment of the Canada Pension Plan, a retirement savings program for Canadians.

Prime Ministership

In 1919, King became the leader of the Liberal Party of Canada. He led the party to victory in the 1921 federal election and became the Prime Minister of Canada. He would go on to serve five terms as Prime Minister, the most of any Canadian Prime Minister.

As Prime Minister, King faced a number of challenges, including the Great Depression and World War II. During the Great Depression, King introduced a number of economic policies designed to stimulate the economy and provide relief to Canadians who had lost their jobs. These policies included the Unemployment Relief Act, which provided unemployment benefits to Canadians who had lost their jobs.

During World War II, King led Canada through its involvement in the war. He made the decision to commit Canadian troops to the war effort and played a key role in the Allied victory. King also oversaw the establishment of the Canadian Citizenship Act, which granted Canadian citizenship to all Canadian-born residents.

Retirement and Legacy

King retired from politics in 1948. He spent the rest of his life writing and lecturing. He died in Kingsmere, Quebec, on July 22, 1950.

King is considered one of the most important figures in Canadian history. He was a gifted politician who led Canada through some of its most

challenging times. He was also a strong advocate for social justice and equality.

King's Contributions to Canada

King's contributions to Canada are many and varied. He played a key role in the development of Canada's social welfare system. He also led Canada through its involvement in World War II and oversaw the establishment of Canadian citizenship.

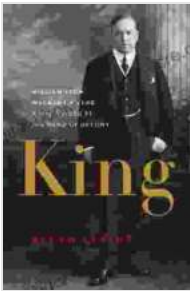
Some of King's most important contributions include:

- * The Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, which established a process for resolving labour disputes peacefully
- * The Canada Pension Plan, a retirement savings program for Canadians
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- * The Canadian Citizenship Act, which granted Canadian citizenship to all Canadian-born residents
- * The establishment of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC), which provides public broadcasting services to Canadians

King was a complex and controversial figure. He was a gifted politician who was able to lead Canada through some of its most challenging times. However, he was also a private and secretive man who was often criticized for his lack of charisma and his reliance on advisors.

Despite his flaws, King is considered one of the most important figures in Canadian history. He was a strong advocate for social justice and equality, and he played a key role in shaping Canada into the country it is today.

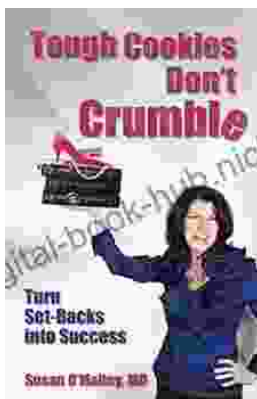
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